Utilising plastic wastes in road-construction

1743. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the plastic wastes can be utilized in road construction which would not only help fight environment hazard but would also provide added strength to the road if mixed with bitumen;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to use this invention in construction of the National Highways; and

(c) who invented utilization of plastic wastes in road construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C KHANDURI: (a) and (b) Research for use of plastic wastes in road construction for mixing with bitumen is reported to have been undertaken. However, no conclusive result have so far been obtained. It is premature to contemplate its use on National Highways.

(c) It is too early to mention the name of inventor.

Accidents on intersection of National Highways

1744. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accidents are increasing on intersection of roads in cities and on National Highways and are dangerously becoming death traps;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to avoid such accidents;

(c) whether the State Governments have sought for removal of trees on the road sides contributing accidents but the forest department is not a acciding to their proposals; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Accident data for intersections on National Highways is not available as accident data is maintained for National Highways